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Amendments to the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A security lock for ~~a closure~~ an enclosure having a locking member, said lock comprising:

(a) a case;

(b) an electronic timepiece in said case having a preset display for displaying [[the]] time and date and having a power circuit;

(c) a tamper- and cut-resistant closure associated with said case engageable in said locking member having an open position and a locked position in which locked position said closure is engaged in said case;

(d) means for interrupting said power circuit ~~engaged by said closure member~~ when said closure is in said locked position stopping said preset display thereby providing a visual indication of the time and date ~~on which~~ when said security lock was ~~secured~~ placed in a locked position; and

(e) means for permanently maintaining said closure in a closed position.

2. (CANCELED)

3. (Currently Amended) The security lock of Claim 1 wherein said case is fabricated [[for]] from a tamper-resistant material.

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4. (Original) The security lock of Claim 1 wherein said display is protected by a transparent tamper-resistant material.

5. (Original) The security lock of Claim 1 wherein said case is provided with a unique identification indicia.

6. (Currently Amended) The security lock of Claim [[2]] 12 wherein said means for interrupting said power circuit comprises a switch located in said bore and engageable by said shackle in a locked position.

7. (Original) The security lock of Claim 1 wherein said means for permanently maintaining said lock in a closed position comprises latch means engageable with said closure.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of providing security for an area having an access member comprising:

- (a) locking said access member with a security lock with a tamper-resistant closure having indicator means which is interrupted at the time of locking,

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said indicator means providing an indication of both [[the]] date and time of locking;

(b) recording said indication; and

(c) checking said indicator means at the time access member is to be opened
5 in order to detect possible tampering.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said security lock is provided with a unique identification code which is also recorded at the time of locking.

10 10. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said area is selected from the group consisting of warehouses, sea containers, truck trailers and storage areas.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 8 wherein said security lock includes an electronic timepiece and a shackle.

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12. (New) A security lock for an enclosure having a locking member, said lock comprising:

(a) a padlock case having a receiver;

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- (b) an electronic timepiece in said case having a preset display for displaying the time and date and having a power circuit;
- (c) a generally U-shaped shackle having an open position and having an end engageable in said receiver in a locked position;
- 5 (d) means for interrupting said power circuit when said shackle is in the locked position stopping said display thereby providing a visual indication of the time and date when said lock was placed in a locked position; and
- (e) means for permanently maintaining said hasp in a locked position.